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Update on Executions in China

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A foreign business person in Yingkou, Liaoning in late June witnessed the public execution of three people [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It is not known whether the three were executed for crimes related to recent unrest.

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Verified cases of public execution have been rare in recent years, and the practice reportedly had been discontinued. But rumors have persisted that public executions continue in areas not frequented by foreigners. A press report of a public execution in east China earlier this summer was later retracted as erroneous by the originating press service.

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